

ELIZABETH T. MOOREHEAD.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

Elizabeth T. Moorehead was born July 31, 1812. Her father was owner of a large plantation in North Carolina. Here Elizabeth was born and received an excellent education in the girls' boarding schools and colleges of the South.

She moved to Mississippi, where she married James Madison Moorehead of Nashville, Tennessee. In Mississippi they both heard and received the gospel and came directly to Nauvoo. Her husband assisted in building the Nauvoo temple.

They were driven from Nauvoo with the Saints, crossed the Mississippi River, and camped in a tent, where her husband, one child, and her brother Joseph died, victims of exposure. A child had died at Nauvoo. She was now left with three children and spent the winter in Des Moines City among strangers who proved to be kind friends.

In the spring her brother Preston came and moved her to Winter Quarters, and later she moved on again to Council Bluffs, where a child died. She and her two children, Ann and Preston, came across the plains with her brother, Claiborne Thomas, and family and her nephew, Daniel Thomas, in Aaron Johnson's Company in 1850.

That fall all settled in Lehi. The winter of 1851-1852 she and her brother Preston taught the Lehi school, he taking the boys, she the girls. She was married to Samuel White, by whom she had one child, Elizabeth White Merrill, of Preston, Idaho. All moved to Cedar Fort, where her son Preston married Cordelia Smith, and daughter Ann married Harrison Ayers Thomas. Both have reared large families. They moved to American Fork when the soldiers located at Camp Floyd; here they owned a large farm which contained land where the old depot stood.

After several years they moved to Cache Valley and were among the first

settlers of Smithfield. She was first Relief Society president of Smithfield. She died here December 12, 1894. Her son, Preston, was first counselor in the bishopric of that ward for over thirty years. He died in 1896. Her daughter, Ann, and husband moved to Preston, Idaho, in 1903, where he died the next year, a good Latter-day Saint, loved and respected by all.